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## In Contempt of the Convenances

(Catullus, Carmen V)

Lesbia, have you heard the chatter  
Of the "unco' guid" in town.  
Smith, and Robinson, and Brown,  
All about us? Well, no matter!  
For the fossils named above  
I give not one lonely sou;  
'They may prate, — all kill-joys do—  
Let *us* live, and life is love.

Sinks the sun on hill and river,  
Yet the morrow morn he riseth;  
Us but once the night surpriseth,  
Then we sleep, and sleep—forever!  
Sweet! our days old Time devours.  
Come! I ask a thousand kisses!  
Only thus I reckon blisses;  
Life is love, and life is ours.

Yet another thousand, dearest!  
There! I swear I've lost the count,  
Bungled up the whole amount,  
Clean forgot which hundred's nearest.  
Well 'tis better not to know!  
Then no envy's roused from slumber  
When it hears the amazing number.  
Let us rub the score off—so!

WILLIAM HARDY ALEXANDER.



## QUEEN'S

"Good old Queen's" as her sons delight to call her, although born in 1841 is still so youthful that one of its opening class of students, the Rev. Dr. Thos. Wardrope, the grandfather of Dr. Alexander of our own University here, is strong and active at ninety four years of age. The axe of the Scotch pioneer was ringing its first notes in the backwoods of Western Ontario (I quote from family records) when word came that a college founded on the model of Edinburgh University had risen in the Limestone City on the shore of Lake Ontario. As the desire for an education is in the blood of all Scotchmen, one of the young farmers dropped the axe and responded to the call. After a rough journey on wheels for many days he at last reached Kingston, but for some time could get no trace of Queen's. In the end he discovered the "jolly home" in what we in the West would describe as a two storey shack. From such meagre beginnings he has lived to see it expand into an impressive group of limestone buildings, housing one of the outstanding colleges of the Dominion. Principal Grant was in the habit of saying that the existence of Queen's was proof that the days of miracles were not over; he also said that Queen's, like a tramp had no visible means of support. Few of the sons of Queen's will be disposed to deny that its early struggles were a chief factor in its progress. At any rate its students were not long in discovering that the professors, some of whom have left their mark on the intellectual life of Canada, were not salaried employees but devoted partners in the concern, and this feeling spread like a con-

tagion till it took the shape of that *esprit de corps* for which Queen's is now everywhere famous.

Of the men, who gave of their very best to Queen's, I can speak personally of Professor Williamson, the genial absent-minded "student's friend" as he was long called; of Prof. Mackerras, who literally spent his life for his Alma Mater, and when I knew him, had become only a shadow of his former self; of D. J. Macdonnell, a name of which Canada has good reason to be proud, who nothing common did or mean, who more than any man I have ever met could hurl his whole personality, intellectual and moral, into a cause, and G. M. Grant, who has left more than footprints on the sands of time, since he has carved his name on the solid rock of our country's life.

My memory runs riot as I call up these men who have passed away, whose devotion to Queen's was rooted in the very broadest ideals. Co-workers with them and still associated with the college are others, whose names I at this distance and in this connection may perhaps be allowed the pleasure of mentioning. Sir Sandford Fleming, the "grand old man" of Queens, is known wherever English is spoken and beyond. Nathan F. Dupuis and John Watson have established a reputation in the world of learning which no words of mine can enhance. George M. Milligan's pulpit has inspired a generation of students in Toronto, with ideals whose force and fire seemed only to augment with the years. On my lips are other names whose time to be chronicled amongst the mighty men is rapidly approaching, if it has not already

arrived; but with some reluctance I hand them over to the writer of the next chapter in the history of Queen's.

Of more direct interest, possibly to our new Western institution, just now laying its own foundations will be some brief account of the student-life of Queen's. Owing to the absence of college residences (except indeed one house for women) there are no such traditions of surreptitious midnight feasts, raids, escapades and conspiracies, no such blood-curdling vows; oaths and defiances, no such sweet martyrdoms as adorn the student records in some of our Canadian colleges. On that side except for an occasional transient outburst, things at Queens have been rather grey and prosy. The students have worked off their sparkle or "bead" in sport, rushes, parades, occasional jeers at town constables and the like. The absence of historic collision of any kind with the university authorities may be due in some measure to what is, I believe, the distinguishing feature of Queen's student world, namely their self-government.

By self government, I do not mean that the professors take no interest in the habits of individual students outside the class-room, nor that at Queen's there exists any free academic permission to the student to go to the devil, if he pleases, nor that faculty and students fall apart; but that students are expected to look after themselves in all matters which primarily affect themselves, and that they live up to expectations. No doubt professors work on committees which deal with student affairs, sport, music, debate and indeed are appointed in obedience to the constitutions of the several

Student Societies. But none the less students frame the constitutions, and appoint the professors. No professor represents the faculty. In an institution, where by long and honored tradition students and professors form one company, cherishing common if not identical sentiments and interests, this plan works smoothly. Of course it might not continue so to work if the great tradition weakened, and for any reason a line of cleavage social or other should make its appearance. But to suppose that is as much as supposing that Queen's is not Queen's.

An interesting feature of Queen's, lineally derived from its Scotch forbear is what may be named the "class-system" as distinguished from the "year-system". According to the class-system a student is required to take so many classes for his degree, occupying in the process as many sessions as he may choose. His failure to pass in class has no penalty beyond itself; he must try that examination again. His success in passing any class places him so much nearer his degree no matter in how many other classes he may have failed. It has never seemed wise to Queen's that a failure in mathematics should involve failure or even the peril of failure in Latin or *vice versa*. There are at least three modifications of this general system. The possible classes in the first year are prescribed; the number of classes allowed in any one year is restricted; and junior classes must precede senior classes.

Perhaps most interesting to other colleges are those features or elements, which in the minds of students and graduates go to make up Queen's. These are not easy to

describe. Rushes or hazing can hardly be included a modern importation which is just as objectionable at Queen's and just as much in need of regulation as it seems to be wherever it has insinuated itself. Perhaps however its venerable *Concursus Iniquitatis et Virtutis* may be included, a students law-court established for the condign punishment of all offending against the student code, and performing its functions so skillfully that I remember only one case of discipline before the faculty in 25 years. Then there is the parade, a procession of students of all faculties, appropriately and inappropriately attired, on foot, in vehicles, on horseback, maskers and mummers, blowing horns and whistles, carrying torches, exploding fireworks, serenading citizens and professors, certainly one of the big sights of the year. I may mention the numerous "At Homes" patronized by the ladies of the University, the Levana Society (the organization of the Women Students), the annual girls bazaar, the greatelection day when the Alma Mater Society (the general Student Society for all faculties in the University) appoints its officers for the year; the yell, too, that far

famed Gaelic Slogan, the brilliant golden chrysanthemum which be-decks the fair on all grand-stand occasions, the college motto, *sapientia et doctrina stabilitas*, combining reverence and truth, the shield which unites rose, thistle and shamrock under the aegis of the maple-leaf, the theatre night, the college dramatic performances, the voluntary lectures and addresses which increase in volume, and last but by no means least the special gatherings in the homes of the professors.

No one of these factors is unique at Queen's. What seems to be unique is partly the fusion of all these into one whole, or rather a feeling or sentiment pervading them of good fellowship, over-riding the distinction between one year and another, one faculty and another, between students and professors; a general camaraderie which frowns upon any attempt at aloofness and social caste, an all-round bond strong enough to tie student to student, and student to teacher in genuine brotherhood, aiming at one common achievement—human betterment through the instrumentality of Queen's.

S. W. DYDE.

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### THE JUNIOR PROMENADE

The Junior Promenade was a success, not a howling success as the Athletic Secretary would write, but an unqualified success. We all admired the floor, the music, our partners and the harmony of these

factors—the Dance; we felt with Plato that music and gymnastics, were great forces in education, but differed from them in employing the latter in order to secure ice-cream.

## A MODERN CHRISTMAS EVE.

Scene: White Mud Creek, near Edmonton.

Enter the ghost of Shakespeare and Father Christmas, the latter in evening dress and with his arms full of toys.

*Shakespeare:* Many a time have I lain and dreamed of thee Nicholas, when I was still of this earth and not the ghostly visitant that thou beholdest. Christmases merry and sad do I recall Christmas on the Cotswolds with hot cider and a black frost without, and Christmas in London with other less comfortable memories. But thy gray beard did ever bring cheer to the heart and a calm to the mind. Why art thou thus beardless? I know thee not. Is it vanity? Or is it a humour of the blood, that blighteth the goodly growth? And why this shining breast-plate and this pedestal of cheerless hose?

*Father Christmas:* When thou wast on earth, Will, I watched thee kindly, for thine were no common wits. It was not like thee, then, to lunge thus wide of the mark, nor does such idle questioning augur well for thy later diet. Three centuries of heaven's ambrosia have dulled thy wits sorely; if thou knowest not why I go no longer fur-clad and shaggy among men. Vanity is not for me, though, as for disease, I know not whether the cap might not fit with a stitch here and a pin there. Hast thou not heard of evolution? Canst thou not evolve? Knowest thou not the word?

*Shakespeare:* Evolve! Evolution! Nay, I comprehend thee not. Twelve thousand words were mine, but this was not among them.

Evolution! A right good, sounding word. Macbeth should ha' said it, and good Toby Belch should have expounded it. But come, excellent as the word is for tragedy, or comedy, tell me its meaning. Be patient with me, for I go not yearly among men as thou. Nor have I my hand on the pulse of mankind as aforetime. All is strange to me. These trees that cannot sigh seem to belong to another earth than that earth I knew and loved;—that Thames and that dearer Avon. But thy evolution doth crown the mystery.

*Xmas.* I too knew not the word in thy day, and would indeed that I had never known it. But if thou knowest not evolution, Will, how should'st thou know of the C.P.R. that brought me hither?

*Shakespeare:* C.P.R.! I like not the word. Hark thee back to evolution, for it hath a good echo. Hence with thy C.P.R. 'Tis no word at all. Come, good Nicholas, bear with me. Tell me of evolution.

*Xmas:* (with a faint smile). Evolution is universal progress, viewed beneath the incandescence of contemporary intellect, whereby teleological.

*Shakespeare:* (faints, but recovers quickly, before Nicholas has uncorked his bottle, relapses on hearing the cork and allows himself to be restored artificially). Alas! that I have vaunted me in heaven, these three hundred years as a master of language, only to come to this. Three new words in a breath! I have heart neither to dispute it like a man nor to bear it like a man. Yet do thou bear further with me for I am fain to know. But prithee the King's English!

*Xmas:* ' Know then, that evolution is the whip that cracks over the galley-slave, or if the world be a Scottish regiment, it is even the pipes, for all must keep step with it. The whole world moves and changes to its rhythm and none can gainsay it. Thus it is that I have discarded my old garb and my venerable beard, though they were half my secret. But these (pointing to the toys)—the other half—I cling to. When they are gone—and how should they stay in my charge, if logic point its finger—I shall perforce relinquish my wanderings and return no more to earth or return only as a shade like thyself. If thou wouldst accompany me to yonder town, it would needs be in some such garb as this, with new speech and new manner. Evolution will have it so. Wouldst thou too be willing to evolve thus?

*Shakespeare:* Nay not I. I neither evolved nor did aught else at another man's beck for fifty sweet years and shall I now spoil the sheet? I'll hie me back to heaven for I like not this strange tale of thine. And if thou wert wise, thou too wouldst bethink thee, for eyes that knew thee as thou wert, can best see thee as thou shalt be. Court no longer the ridicule or the indulgence of this many-syllabled world. Come back with me. One draught of nectar—with a lemon in it—or two at the most, and then to bed.

*Xmas:* Nay, 't is not for me to go before my day, though that day be not far hence. Since my beard went, it is true that some of the old zest has gone after it and such chimney-scaling as I still must do is a toil indeed in this stiff-breasted attire. Yet even in this great waste of land there are some that await me. And most of all do they congregate in a strange, new place, which I skirt on my way to the town. I know not what manner of place it is. Outwardly it hath a strange growth indeed—a biennial duplication in rectangles (Shakespeare winces and mutely solicits the bottle)—and within too, its ways are odd and not of the land. 'Tis there alone that I hear mention of thee and thy kin, yet so variable is the mood that prevaileth in it, that I know not whether it be a temple of wisdom or of folly. But not all of folly, for some are there that still glimpse me with thy eyes, Will, some that still know me for what I was and cherish me. 'Tis strange that I am most loved, where thou art loved. For so it is elsewhere in the great world, though I know not how it accordeth with evolution. Therefore oppose me not, but for my sake suffer me to go once more unto the breach.

(Exeunt Shakespeare vertically upward and Father Christmas in a horizontal direction north east).

AUTOLYCUS.



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## EDITORIAL

The Laws of the Students' Court have come in for a large share of interest; small groups of students perused them eagerly as they hung from the bulletin boards and discussed them freely. We have reason to congratulate the Committee responsible for their production. The plan has evidently been to divide up the College areas with the object of specifying offences peculiar to each area. In this way the ground has been thoroughly covered, but as a safeguard against any omission, rules have also been formulated under "General" offences. Resident students will naturally be most interested in the "Resident" column, which bids fair to foster a feeling of deep regard for University building "rights" and individuals "right to work." An example of the former is seen in the following—"Everyone is guilty of an offence.....who interferes with, or damages in any way the fire extinguishers, or the hose in the University Buildings." and of the latter, "Everyone is guilty of an offence.....who enters a student's room when the University colors are displayed." This law distinguishes between the peculiar right of an individual within the walls of his own sanctum, and his rights as belonging to a collective

body. His room is his castle and subject to his own wishes, but even here he stands within the law, since the room and certain of the furniture belong to the authorities. Secure in his would be home, where trespassers may be prosecuted, he may revel in every conceivable way, always providing he does not make sufficient noise to disturb his neighbours, or the ever-watchful House Committee. Truly the laws are delightfully penetrating. Under General Laws, we notice the following: "Everyone is guilty of an offence.....who accepts any office in any student organization, and does not fulfil the duties pertaining thereto." The point is well taken since it is made an offence against the Students' Union. There is a suggestion here that officers have sometimes failed to "toe the line" with sufficient regularity, hence some departments have suffered in consequence. The feature of this law is that it will call attention to over-burdened officers. There is a tendency to give a willing man too many offices, and in the nature of things he rarely succeeds in fulfilling all. It is a mistaken kindness, and the honour of holding office becomes a diminishing factor to the overloaded officer. Distribution and sharing

of labour sounds much better. This is a slight diversion from which we turn to the penalties that may be incurred in the Dining Room. The wearing of a sweater, or extending the use of bedroom slippers beyond their natural compass, involves an interview with the Sheriff and other consequences. We applaud this law, and believe everyone recognizes its subtle suggestiveness.

The laws represent the definite expression of the Student "Will," and their interpretation rests with the Court. All students should recognize the important function they play in University life. They are not intended to curtail freedom, but rather to emphasize and distinguish it from licence.

The Librarian has placed on the shelves of the Reading Room a selection of books especially intended for students of the Junior Years who do not visit the stack-room. They mostly comprise of

the standard works of fiction, travels, etc., and their position of easy access should be much appreciated by students.

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It is felt by the Editorial Staff that many students could contribute something to the pages of the "Gateway," who at present do not make the necessary effort. Gladly would we welcome a deeper interest in student literary productions. Jokes, paragraphs and articles are rarely forthcoming without a personal request from one of the staff. This should not be so, and we take this opportunity of inviting all to unburden their minds and share its treasure with us. Do not forget. We shall look out for your contributions.

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The expectant day of temporary release is at hand; a few supremely happy days and then back again. Be sure and have a good time. Leave your books behind you. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Beyond "exams", beyond the "lec"  
 Unfolding leisure joy and "spec"  
 Lies Christmas, tempting plugs to doff  
 The gown, and saturninic scoff  
 Of learned halls agog with stuff  
 Which makes men mad, or mad enough.  
 Begone ye "sups"—false wights of yore  
 This Xmas sure I'll pay the score  
 And see you hanged till this year's o'er.  
 Think ye to fright me from my pleasure  
 To work, by Jove when I have leisure?  
 Not much ye gods.  
 This Christmas "vac" will see me pack,  
 Nor books nor "profs" shall hold me back,  
 Adieu dear friends, I'll come again  
 When "lecs" begin the same old strain.

W. G.

## Science Jottings

### PEAK POINTS IN SCIENCE.

In Science as in Literature and Art certain periods are marked by a rapid advance in the development of the subject. These might be said to mark "peak points" in the rate curve of scientific progress. It is proposed on this page to outline briefly from time to time certain of the more noteworthy discoveries marking such periods in the history of the commoner sciences.

#### *Sanitation.*

In Sanitary science one of the higher, if not the highest "peak point" occurred between 1857 and 1863, and marks the discovery by Pasteur that the fermentation of alcohol was not due to physical or chemical causes, as previously supposed, but was produced by the growth of minute living organisms. He showed also that the diseases of beer and wine could be traced directly to the introduction of other micro-organisms which caused their own specific ferments.

Previous to this, although the present physical and mechanical view of constitutional diseases had been more or less established, a satisfactory explanation of the class of diseases known as fevers, which run a definite course and then disappear, was not forthcoming. The close similarity however, between the history of such diseases and that of fermentation, had been noted and commented upon. Thus Pasteur's explanation of the fermentative process, immediately suggested the germ theory as the explanation of this class of disease. This theory ascribes the condition of the patient to the activity of micro-organisms which, having been introduced into the system, multiply, set up their specific ferments, run their allotted course and disappear, leaving the human

organism in many cases immune from further attack by that particular family of bacteria. Upon this germ theory of diseases are based all the practices of sanitary science in regard to infectious and contagious diseases, and by it are judged the ultimate efficiency of the modern methods of sewage disposal and those used in the treatment of public water supplies.

The most marked advance in recent time, in the branch of sanitary science dealing with these latter problems (water supplies and sewage disposal) is the development of commercially feasible sterilization. Such a process aims to attack directly the bacterial content of the water, and hence eliminate the possibility of disease by destroying the micro-organisms amongst which may lurk the pathogenic bacteria. For this purpose the most common process in use at present, is the addition in small amounts of ordinary bleaching powder (hypochlorite of lime). Ten pounds of 35 per cent bleach is sufficient to sterilize a million gallons of water if the chemical be thoroughly mixed with the raw water, and a contact period of about an hour be provided. The germicidal action is due to the oxygen released in the resulting chemical reactions. If properly controlled, the treatment should not cause an objectionable taste in the water, but should such occur it may be absolutely prevented by a further treatment. Other processes in operation are the ozone, the electrolytic and the use of ultra violet rays, but as yet none of these has attained the commercial success of the hypochlorite treatment. The place that sterilization will hold ultimately in the permanent treatment of public water supplies has yet to be defined but its utility as an emergency



measure is beyond question. Its ease of application, celerity of action and efficiency of operation, make it an ideal process with which to check epidemics, and safeguard the supply, until the permanent method of treatment can be decided upon and put into operation.

W.M.E.

### FLASHES

A new function, to be called the Undergraduate Dance, is to be inaugurated early in January, and this session it will be held under

the auspices of the Students of the Faculty of Applied Science.

There is much excitement prevailing in the draughting rooms in anticipation of the event, especially among the "debutantes" of the Freshman Year. Of these "Dimples" and "Cute" have achieved distinction (?) in the halls of the "light fantastic."

It has been observed that L.S.M.—has already lost his appetite, while rumour has it that the cynic of the Fifth Year will attend.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor.

I don't know what a student's to do when he wishes to unburden his mind about pet likes and dislikes but it occurred to me Mr. Editor, that the "Gateway" might afford a medium for airing one's thoughts; and if you can find space to insert these few lines I shall be pleased. Some people are hard to satisfy and I am one, but don't get alarmed. A few weeks ago I ventured to join the Glee Club one afternoon at the express invitation of a music lover, but I found myself at a choir practice instead. Do not think I have any animosity against hymn singing, Mr. Editor, far from it, but in the Glee Club I had looked for a variety of male choruses with the object in view of concerts and perhaps a Christmas trip. My mistake was partly cleared up by an explanation on behalf of the University service. I gathered that the primary object of the Glee Club was to contribute the music for the Sunday service, and secondly to practice glees. Now Mr. Editor I cannot help feeling that we who do not belong to the choir fail to get a full enjoyment from the Glee Club. If its object is as I have been given to understand, then I

have a proposal to make, namely that the Glee Club should be primarily a Glee Club and secondarily a choir, and by this I mean that a recognized time should be allotted for the choir practice, so that those who are not choir members may come in when this is over. I feel sure that such a plan would encourage the attendance of many more students especially those who are not in Residence. Do you consider this a fair proposal Mr. Editor? I think you will do so and your readers also, if it is viewed from an impartial point of view. My object in calling your attention to this, is in the best interests of the Glee Club. If the Club is subordinated to something other than its true purpose, then I venture to say it will fail to make a general appeal.

Thanking you in anticipation for your valuable space.

Yours truly -

Y. B. J.

[We believe this has already been recognized. The President of the Glee Club is emphasizing the need of more male voice choruses, and a limited time for the practise of hymns. Editor.]

## INTER ALIA

## VARSITY GEOMETRY

Proposition I (propounded by H. C. Jackson). To prove that a dance is not a dance when the speed limit is exceeded and hence is tabooed.

Construction. Let AB be the lady partner, and CD be the gentleman, while EF shall be the chaperon. Place AB in position, P.M. so that one arm of AB describe a circle about CD. Let "Chicken Reel" be performed.

Proof. Then, if AB move in such a manner that CD perform a complete circle, taking the new position R-A-G, then EF shall be induced to meet them half-way. Then AB shall take the new position E-X-I-T. (P.D.Q.)

Proposition II. (Propounded by "Fat" Larson). Problem. To prove that one student shall be equal to one piece of pie.

For if not, he must either be equal to more than, or less than one piece of pie.

Case I. If he be equal to two pieces however, there must be two pieces of pie per capita, which is absurd.

Case II. If he be equal to less than one piece of pie, the pie would be eatable which is also absurd.

Therefore one student, etc.

(With apologies to Mr. Leacock).

We are pleased to hear that Ivory Galbraith, Dimples Johnson, Cutey Miller and Gunboat Smith are progressing very favourably with their dancing lessons. The latter gentleman has taught his canary all the latest popular airs, and may be seen

or heard almost any time practising the Barbary Coast Back Walk and similar graceful clinches.

Dr. Boyle, Examining Sutter's lab. book: "Mr. Sutter, did you have that plate charged?"

"Happy": "O no sir! Mr. Appleton always insists on cash."

There has been a great revival of the old tunes lately. Mr. C-s-c-en may be heard at almost any time singing or humming "Jingle Bells."

H - -p-r (in Latin A). Amabo, monibo, regam, au--au--audam.

Dr. A-x-d-r: I hope you don't feel that way because the accent sounds like it.

Lecturer: You shouldn't laugh out in the class-room.

F-r-g-s-n: I didn't mean to. I was smiling and the smile busted.

M-tt-r-n: What's that dreadful noise?

R-b-n-s-n: Hush, friend, it is "Peggy" Russell trying to save the price of a shave.

Taken from the Register of the Queen's Hotel, Calgary. Nov. 3rd, 1913.

Sir Wm. Fiddlesticks and Valet.

H. C. J-cks-n and Valise.

T. Glanville has refused to act in the capacity of umpire any more unless he is assured of protection from physical injury by the sheriff.

Freshie: Please sir, why do the leaves turn red in the fall?

Soph: Because, my innocent boy, they are blushing to think that they have been so green all summer.

(Western University Gazette).

## Student Activities

### LITERARY SOCIETY.

On Friday, Nov. 7th, the first of the series of inter-year debates was held, when the representatives of the Senior and Junior Years met.

The subject for debate was: "Commission Government of Canadian Cities." The Senior Year was represented by Messrs. D. H. Telfer and A. H. Munroe, and the Junior by Messrs. H. Bosomworth and S. R. Hosford. The Judges' decision went to the negative, upheld by the Juniors.

On the 28th, the second meeting took place, when the Freshman, represented by Messrs. F. W. Simmons and H. Montgomery debated "Home Rule for Ireland," with the Sophomores, represented by Messrs. J. D. O. Mothersill and K. Kingston. In this, as in the former instance, the decision went to the negative.

This leaves the Juniors and Sophomores in the field for the final meeting.

### THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The Dramatic Society met on December 2nd, in the Lounge. The subject of the evening, "Latin Comedy," was introduced and expounded by Mr. Ottewell, whose paper admirably conveyed the spirit of his theme, and illustrated by the Dramatic reading of the last act of the *Menaechmi* of Plautus, in which Messrs. Alexander, Woodhead and Quance took part. Here for once the convenience of the moment fitted the historical demand of stage-craft, and the use of one actor for more than one part, supplemented by a liberal use of the vernacular, enabled the performers to capture much of the spirit of the actual performances of popular

Rome. The evening was a great success.

### THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

Two very successful meetings were held last month.

Dr. B. Fairley, President of the Society, gave the public lecture on Nov. 11th, speaking on Friedrich Hebbel and the Theory of Tragedy. The whole field of tragic drama, from the early Greeks down to Ibsen and the modern school, was discussed in its relation to Hebbel.

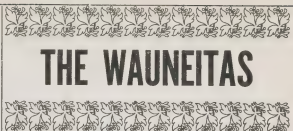
The paper presented by Miss C. W. Dyde, at the members' meeting, Oct. 25th, on The Philosophy of Music, was certainly a treat for all who were fortunate enough to enjoy it.

It is hoped that more students will take advantage of these meetings.

### Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

#### Sunday Service.

The Sunday services have been better attended this year than ever before. Several strong speakers were secured for the Michaelmas term, and all of the addresses have been interesting and instructive. For the New Year there will be several speakers from outside points who will bring messages to the students that are sure to be worth while. Rev. J. A. Clark has kindly consented to preach for us again this year, and possibly will come twice. Mr. Tuttle is also expected again this year, and President Murray, of the University of Saskatchewan, is also expected for one Sunday in March. The Christmas Service was held in the Gymnasium when Dr. Oliver spoke, and the music was augmented by the University Orchestra and the Apollo Quartette.



On November 25th, the Wauneita Society held its first inter-year debate. The subject was a deep one, worthy the discussion of the Senior and Junior Years.

It was resolved that a "bird in hand is worth two in the bush."

For some time the outcome was doubtful until Miss Bell, with impassioned eloquence conjuring up a pathetic picture of a Thanksgiving turkey, finally appealed to the sympathy of the society. The judges too were not unmoved, and their decision was given in favour of the affirmative.

We hope that all future debates will be as successful.

Y. W. C. A.

An exceptionally interesting meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association was held on Dec. 2nd, in The Wauneita Rooms. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Reginald Smith, Sunshine Editor of the Edmonton Journal. Mrs. Smith pointed out that the Sunshine Society is not merely a local but an international newspaper society with headquarters in New York City. The Sunshine Society is not an organization with regular officers, but a society with only the editor in charge, and a kind act entitles anyone to membership.

The Society in Edmonton is less than a year old but has already grown in leaps and bounds. This

year they are planning to give everyone on the Sunshine list a wholesome Christmas dinner as well as toys for the children. The Y. W. C. A. hopes to be able to show their interest in Sunshine work in some material way.

After the meeting a ten cent tea was held in Athabasca Hall. With the proceeds of these monthly teas the association is planning to do some social work as well as swell the funds with which to send a delegate to the Muskoka Conference next summer.

"ON THE OUTSIDE,"

LOOKING IN.

As I was passing by the window of the Wauneita Rooms last Tuesday, I was attracted by a babble of voices, and looking in, I saw to my great surprise and horror, a lot of girls sitting on the table and on the arms of chairs, engaged in most animated conversation. Just then one of the girls nimbly sprang down from the table, tapped upon it with her pencil, and said "Will the Secretary please read the minutes of the last meeting." Whereupon, another pretty girl arose from the corner where she had been comfortably ensconced on a cushion with a box of chocolates, upon the lid of which she had just hurriedly written a few words.

"As nearly as I can recollect, Madame President, the meeting,"

she began, when she was interrupted by an excited voice exclaiming "A—you have no right to say so, F—did call me a bird."

The Secretary, taking advantage of the pause to put another chocolate in her mouth continued, "—the meeting opened with a debate between '14 and '15, "Resolved that E—should not kiss F— in the last scene of the French play." The negative won."

At this point the president again got down off the table and remarked that she thought she was expressing the general opinion of the meeting in saying that they had had enough minutes for to-day, and asked if there were any further business to be transacted. Whereupon a tall, slight, young lady rose to her feet and asked in belligerent tones what had been done with the shrub that had been bought to decorate the English Room for the Sunday Service, so that the place would seem more homelike. A ghastly pallor overspread the president's features and everyone looked mournfully on the floor. At length the president said sadly, "I regret

to say that it was given to the "Strangers within our Gates" committee, and it never flourished. "It breathed its last," she continued, casting her eyes on the ceiling, "some weeks ago, and was decently interred a few days later." At this announcement a general awe seemed to pervade the meeting, in face of this so evident manifestation of the uncertainty of Fate, but in a very few moments their spirits revived sufficiently to enable them to romp around the room once or twice before dealing with the remainder of the business.

"And now," said the president, when order was again restored, since this is our last meeting before Christmas, we must get our letter off to Santa Claus. Will each girl please tell me what she wants?"

M—immediately jumped up and whispered "Just one more geological expedition." But just at that moment, I heard footsteps coming along the walk, and feeling that my position might seem ambiguous, I beat a hasty retreat into the corner door.

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"One day, the astronomer Thales, looking intently upwards, tumbled into a well, and a bright and lively Thracian maid got a jest from the accident."—Theaetetus-Plato.

Thou hast a place in history, Thracian maid,  
Unknown by name, yet coupled with the great;  
In passing mention of thy lowly state,  
Great Plato in his 'Theaetetus,' paid  
Full honor to your humour; for you said  
The great Milesian, wond'ring on the fate  
Of worlds, and searching heaven, did find too late  
The best philosophy, on earth is laid.  
Too fanciful by far, we seek to find  
The sum of things in regions far away;  
Not knowing of the worth in human kind,  
Nor caring for the matter of to-day.  
Thy jocund laugh and bright and lively mind  
Reveal to us the jewel in the clay.

H. L.

## THE LOUNGE

The thanks of the favoured Loungers are due to Dr. Misener and the Resident girls for the invitation to the Skating Party on Friday, Nov. 5th. In the words and sentiments of a Freshman who could'n't get there. "We hope you'll have another soon, and again send along an invitation."

Someone has been heard to ask innocently why Mr. Ottewell carries gear in his sandbox, we can only suggest that it must be a little habit of his.

Temporary lecturer in Latin I class during Dr. Alexander's absence "Well, Dr. Alexander will be back on Tuesday. I expect you will be very glad to see him? Freshman (sympathetically) "Oh! it does'nt make any difference to me. Lots of the fellows are kicking, but I don't mind"!!

Overheard in the office! Mr C-rb-t "Well dont bite my head off". Miss C-rm-l "No chance! I'm very particular what I bite".

During lecture on Cambrian books, Geology III "Here ladies and gentleman the Geological pages are wide open; all that is required is a little physical energy to climb the mountain".

Professor in French class explaining that students should think in French "What do you think of when I say 'dog'?" F-r-s-n Major "Cat"

Senior girl (Canadian) "Have you ever been to a clam dig? They are lots of fun". Freshette

(English) "What are clams? a kind of sweet potato are'nt they?"

Much discussion was aroused the other evening in the Philosophical Society meeting over the question of *seeing* things when music is played. For ourselves, we prefer, D. T's.

Would-be musician getting out to the piano before the crowd leaves the Dining Room "Yes, I play entirely by ear". Suffering Senior—"Do you never have the ear-ache?"

Callow Freshman, at Junior Prom. "May I have this Dance" Junior (rather disgusted) "Certainly; I don't want it".

Did you ever feel as stiff as a Senior Test?

Oh! by the way! Merry Christmas fellow Loungers!

Dr. Kerr in Italian III "It is remarkable how our slang can be traced back. For example our old ladies' perfectly harmless "dear me" really is from an Italian expression "dio mio". You will be careful in future, won't you Miss Menzies?"

Heard at table last Friday evening - what is that fellow trying to play? "Oh! wait until I get the next note!"

Also heard at table—Wauneita's this time. "A friendly and sympathetic women visiting a prison said

to a prisoner "I expect you will be very glad when your sentence is over?. The prisoner answered thoughtfully "I don't know mum, I'm in for life." Absent minded freshette waking up, "Was that one of last year's girls?"

We are told on good authority that mammoths may be found to-day in Siberia with flesh perfectly fresh and edible. Does this suggest a possible solution to the kitchen problem?

A-E-H-y-s professional joker, the other day came out of the Dining Room and said to C.Y. "my face is my ticket." C.Y. promptly punched it!

(With apologies) "Speaking of dead languages professor" inquired a freshman, "who killed them?"

Dr. Broadus, after Mr. Bird has come late for twentieth time to English IV "Mr. Bird is regularly late, because according to his class schedule, he is necessarily in this class before he leaves another. The difficulty you see is approximately solved"—? ? ?

The following overheard in the Rotunda goes to prove that the Wauneita's have at least some sense of humour. "I've just found out what was the origin of the harp" "Yes?" "It was in the garden of Eden; Eve ate the apple and men have been harping about it ever since."

"Glee" notice—There are still a few vacancies in 1st Tenor, 2nd Tenor, 1st Bass, 2nd Bass.

## Little Dewdrops.

I have just returned from a little two-handed tournament with the gloves. I needed a little healthful exercise and was looking for something that would be full of vigorous enthusiasm and at the same time, promote the healthful flow of blood to the muscles. This was rather difficult. I had tried most everything but failed. Being a sociable being (joke), I wanted other people to help me exercise, or go along with me when I exercised. Some men can go away to a desert isle and have fun with dumb-bells and a horizontal bar, but to me it would seem dull and commonplace after a while, and I would yearn for more humanity.

One of the "stujents" in this building said he had a pair of boxing gloves and invited me to his room. He said that although I was the

taller and had longer arms he would hold up as long as he could, and I might hammer him until I gained strength and finally got well.

I accepted this offer because I had often regretted that I had not made myself familiar with this art, and also because I knew it would create a thrill of interest and fire me with ambition, and that's what a hollow-eyed invalid needs, to put him on the road to recovery.

The boxing glove is a large fat mitten, with an abnormal thumb, and a string at the wrist by which you tie it on, so that when you feed it to your adversary he cannot swallow it and choke himself. It has been a long while since I have seen boxing gloves—but my chum said they were soft and wouldn't hurt anybody. So we took off some of our raiment and put on the

gloves. I can remember distinctly that we shook hands.—that was to show that we were friendly and would not slay each other.

My adversary is younger than I am so I warned him not to get excited and come for me with anything that would look like a wild and ungovernable fury, because I might in the heat of the debate fill his ear with sore thumb. He said that was all right and he would try to be cool and collected.

Then we put our toes together and I told him to be on his guard. At that moment I dealt him a terrific blow aimed at his nose, but through a clerical error of mine, it went over his shoulder and spent itself in the wall of the room, shattering a small holly-wood bracket, for which I paid him \$3.75 afterwards. I did not wish to buy the bracket because I had two already in my room, but he was arbitrary about it, so I bought it.

We then took another athletic posture and in two seconds the air was full of poultice-thumb and buckskin mitten, and I got the worst of it.

He then proposed that we take off the gloves, but I thought I had not sufficiently punished him and that another round would complete the conquest which was then almost

within my grasp. I took a bismuth powder, and squared myself, but in warding off a left-hander, I forgot about my adversary's right and ran my nose into the middle of his boxing glove. Fearing that I had injured him, I retreated rapidly on my elbows and shoulder blades to the corner of the room, thus giving him ample time to recover. By this means his features were saved, and are to-day as symmetrical as my own.

I can still cough up pieces of boxing-gloves, and when I close my eyes, I can see calcium lights and blue and phosphorescent gleams across the horizon: but I am thoroughly convinced that there is no physical exercise which yields the same amount of health and elastic vigor to the puncher as themanly art does. To the punchee it affords a large wad of glad surprises and nose bleed, which cannot be hurtful to those who hanker for the pleasing nervous shock, the spinal jar and the concussion of the Sarah bellum.

That is why I shall continue the exercises after I have practised with a mule or a cow-catcher for two or three weeks, and feel a little more confidence in myself.

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## ATHLETICS

We—the editorial pronoun—have been looking ourselves over. Also we—which is again the moulder of public opinions privilege—have decided that we are taking ourselves too seriously. We have resurrected the two dead and buried copies of the "Gateway," prior to this issue, and found that our pet accounts of our various conflicts are conventionally stupid, totally impersonal, and perfectly respectable, not to mention several other silly adjectival qualifications. Whereas our pages might have been as crowded with interesting data, and living lively revelations as a European duchess' memories, or a High Level car at merry midnight. We told of the trip to Calgary; did we mention the mystery of the super-populated berths, or the soul-scene when the conductor knifed Johnson Hammond for \$5.85? We did not. Did we write of poor blind Buck, with his engagement at ten o'clock? We confess with shame our oversight. Now athletics are a serious thing, but they call not for preternatural solemnity. So we shall effervesce more in future, and avoid the sadness. There is one great sadness that must perforce be narrated; it is this—those talented hockeyists, Lavell and Lopston, are now occasionally attending classes, by general request. This is a sadness indeed.

When the gymnasium, which the vulgar call the gym, was opened, its popular appeal was apparent at once. Athletes who had remained incognito at the University for several years, suddenly began to disport behind the dining room; and the spectacle of the faculty debouching from the dressing rooms in the minimum of respectable garb, was at once encouraging and instructive.

Basket-ball, volley-ball, and baseball leagues sprang up over-night; and to watch "Long" Powell fanning "Fat" Larson on three wild pitches, was, next to the faculty relay, the funniest thing yet.

Descriptive names are to be procured for the various clubs, which will doubtless be more flattering than the class of play deserves. While the floor was busy upstairs, in the basement that palpitating sport, handball, smudged the plaster at both ends of the hall. In the middle of the floor, the boxing and wrestling artistes banged or tore each other, as their inclinations and training allow.

In basket-ball the Senior men listened to Mr. Wood's little lectures, and then went and did as they pleased. Consequently they lost the first league fixture. However, when the Theologues invaded 'Varsity for the second encounter, there was sufficient resentment evidenced by Messrs. Fife, Stevens, and Spencer, to splendidly "hold up" the Wesleyan crew. The intermediate league opens soon, and if Charley Carswell can secure a longer pair of gym pants, prospects are bright. This brings us—editorial we in the objectionable case, as Herr Zabuesnig might say—to our choicest athletic morsel—our hockey. Excepting the sadness mentioned some minutes ago, the outlook is splendid. Last year's squad are all in their places, except the mascot, and J. Ward Dexter will accept this position, if the committee on Student Affairs does not intervene. Harold J. Dean, the priceless little rover, is back in the fold, as steady and fast as ever. Both senior and intermediate squads look promising. Manager Stevens is zealously rounding up the very best teams possible, and prospects of a good year are before us.

# ALBERTA



# COLLEGE

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL

The announcement of the President of the Literary Society regarding the formation of a College Songbook should be heartily welcomed by all the students. It has been remarked quite frequently this year, that there is little enthusiasm shown by the students. This is probably due to the fact that as yet we have very few lively songs to express and create enthusiasm. There is nothing like a good collection of college songs for creating an ardent spirit of college loyalty, and it is to be hoped that a good number of spirited songs will be offered for this purpose.

The lack of enthusiasm, however, cannot be attributed entirely to the need of a college song book; there is some other reason which probable is found in the indifference of the students themselves. College life is of little benefit unless there is a whole-hearted co-operation of the various groups of students in the activities of student life. Only as zeal and ardour are shown by the individual students can there be any real college spirit.

The Literary Society has given the students an exceptionally good programme this term. The series of debates between the representatives of the different years have been very successful, arousing much enthusiasm. The first of the series was on the subject "Resolved that Canadian municipalities should own, control, and operate their own public utilities". K. Kingston

and J. McPherson, representing the second year, had the affirmative, while the negative was undertaken by the representatives of the final year, H. Bosomworth and D. Telfer.

The debate was very keenly fought, and there was little to choose from both sides. The judges Dr Dyde, Mr. Burt, and Mr. Grant gave the decision in favour of the negative.

The second debate was on the subject "Resolved that the immigration of Chinese and Japanese into Canada should be prohibited". The affirmative was supported by J. W. Nightingale and R. Simons of the matriculation year, and the negative by J. R. Barker and J. E. Heald of the first year. The judges, Dr. King, Dr. Thomas, and Mr. Gordon gave the decision to the affirmative.

After the conclusion of the debate, a short programme was given in which a presentation by Wm. Berry, on behalf of the students, was made to Miss M. V. Hicks, the director of the department of Expression, who is leaving to pursue further studies. R. Burgoyne read an address in which was freely expressed the appreciation of the students for her work, and their best wishes for her future success.

The Y. M. C. A. has been very much to the fore this year: the meetings have been very well attended and the topics for discussion have aroused a considerable

amount of interest among the students. The syllabus for the first term has been completed and it is hoped that the next series will prove as interesting as this has been.

On November 24th, an address was given by Mr. F. Forster on "Changing Orders." An attempt was made to indicate the place religion has had in the development of civilization, especially the place of Christianity in that development. It was claimed that change of environment alone was not the solution of the ills of society, but that it must be accompanied by conversion.

On Dec 8th, Mr. J. W. Nightingale gave an address on "The Ministry of Memory." He pointed out that our conception of truth was changing in this age of transition, and that the recollections of past experiences would prove a stimulus and a stay in this present stage of uncertainty.

In athletics, the activities have now been transferred to the gymnasium and the skating rink, though tennis and handball is played as much as ever. A basketball league has been formed in which four teams have entered; one each from the matriculation and theological students, and two from the Arts students. There have been two games played in which the "Theologs" have won one and the Rovers one.

In the Greek Class.

J. W. B. displaying his knowledge on the blackboard.

Enter Prof. "Go on Professor. You are in your right place, I'll take a seat."

Student conjugating: Pempomai pempesai—

Prof. Is that right?

J.W.B No!

Prof. Is that so Mr. B? Then you had better teach him how to do it.

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After our hilarity in the previous issue and our almost unbecoming exultation over the discomfiture of our Freshmen, we will endeavour to be serious and offer a few comments on a subject which will be appropriate at this season of the year, namely, Christmas Giving.

The custom of exchanging presents on a certain day in the year is very much older than Christmas, and means very much less. It has obtained in almost all ages of the world, and among many different nations. Our motives for giving are not always of the parent kind, being more often a tribute to fashion, or a bid for favour rather than an encouragement to friendliness, or an expression of our esteem and regard. We aim to make our gifts magnificent, to call forth expressions of admiration, and to provoke unspoken queries as to the price of them. We impoverish ourselves not from an unselfish interest in others, but from a morbid self-interest in ourselves, and so we fail to enter into the spirit of Christmas, and to enjoy the pleasure which comes from right giving; the gift which pleases best is the one that expresses the most thought and not the one that costs the most money. Furthermore Christmas ought not to be "a single day of generosity, ransomed from the dull servitude of a selfish year." If every gift is the token of a personal thought or a friendly feeling, the thought and the feeling may remain after the

gift is made. The message our gift carries should not be that "after three hundred and sixty four days of forgetfulness, on this day I have remembered you" but "as I have remembered you to day, so I shall remember you to-morrow, I shall still wish you happiness then; and so on, clear through the year." A gift carrying this message will give satisfaction to the giver, and happiness to the one who receives.

Having unburdened ourselves of this little homily we will return again to our favorite theme—the Freshmen. Charmed with the graciousness of our condescension on the night of the reception to them, and hugely satisfied with the first real feed they ever had in their lives, they were eager to repay us and almost succeeded in doing so. On the night of the 19th of November, a banquet was given; a toast list of commendable length, and the same commendable harmlessly diluted potations, together with K - x, are the things which thrust themselves most upon our attention. We regretted receiving the information so hesitatingly given by K - r that for a few days previous to the banquet the Freshmen had established a home for stray chickens, and that on the evening of the banquet the committee in charge reported that "homes" had been found for all the strayed ones. It is since reported that the committee in charge are still carrying on their work of

mercy and are now providing roosting places for stray turkeys. We intend to be in Robertson for Christmas dinner.

We have to report a very pleasant evening spent by the students at the home of Dr. Dyde on November 21st.

## Discipli Medicinae

At this season of the year our thoughts hover near the old home, with its cheery hearth, and many endearing memories. The loving hands that soothed our oft-times aching brows and the lives that were given in willing service for us; may be no more; but the tender association of those days, beyond recall, has left with us the need of a perennial Christmas Spirit. Me-thinks the student can give no greater gift to those who are vitally interested in his welfare, than a good report of his work.

The Medical Class extend their best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to the Faculty and Students of the University.

We have heard it rumored that there is to be a medical reading room in the near future. We hail the idea with enthusiasm, especially the addition of some medical publications.

Our column this month looks rather abbreviated, but as in the lull before the storm, great things are coming soon.

## WELCOME !!

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Dr. Tory January 6th—15th.

Dr. Alexander „ 8th, 9th, 20th,  
22nd.

Dr. Boyle „ 6th—8th.

Dr. Allan „ 20th,—29th.

Mr. Burgess „ 22nd.

Mr. Gordon „ 6th—9th.

## EXCHANGES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec. 19th.—Resident Students Annual Christmas Dinner.

Jan. 8th.—The Undergraduate Dance, arranged by the applied Science Students.

Jan. 9th.—Literary Society Second meeting of the programme contest, given by Alberta College.

Jan. 13th. — The Philosophical Society, "Sully Prudhomme," Mr. H. Appleton.

Jan. 15th.—The French Play Night.

Jan. 20th.—The Dramatic Society. The Relation of "The Rivals" to Contemporary Comedy. Dr. E. K. Broadus.

Jan. 27th.—Philosophical Society, "The Interdependence of Plant and Animals," Professor F. J. Lewis.

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